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Docket No. ARC 2865R3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Geerke, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/324,343)
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING FORMULATION
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 6, 2000, said period of response being extended from September 6, 2000 to December 6, 2000.

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